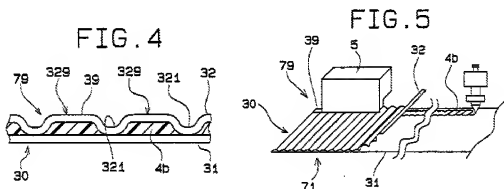


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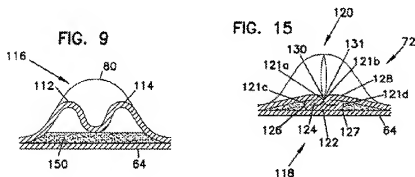
This application is being examined by Examiner Dirk Bass, who is on vacation.

The discussion focused on Yamada, US 5,562,825 as the prior art. Figure 5 of Yamada describes sealing the fluted layer with the base layer with an adhesive and also by crushing down the flute which essentially reduces the amount of adhesive required for the seal when compared to the prior arts.

Figures of Yamada:



Applicant's figures show the 'flute' to be indented (dented) down to a layer of adhesive (fig 9) and then the entire flute is crushed down to seal with the base layer (fig 10). This construction is structurally different from the straight adhesive seal of the prior arts or the partially crushed adhesive seal of Yamada.



In response, the Examiner suggested drafting the claim to capture this structural difference, or in lieu of it, describe the structure in product-by-process form with adequate explanation in the arguments. This should overcome the Yamada reference as an anticipatory reference. However, additional evidence may be required to make such a claim patentable over the Yamada reference.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Krishnan S. Menon whose telephone number is 571-272-1143. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vickie Kim can be reached on 571-272-0579. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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